

BCHMO BOD Meeting  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:35 A.M.  
Denny's Restaurant, Rolla, MO

1. CALL TO ORDER (Becki Krueger)
  - A. Welcome
  - B. Roll Call – signed in: Leslyn Randazzo, Jill Szczuka, Kay Raterman, Becki Krueger, Gary Harrison, Pat Reinebach, Julie Irwin, Kathy Jaeger, Maury Mertz, Lynette Miller, Kem McKinnis, and Sherry Copeland
  - C. Excuse Absentees – Jenn & Bob Wolf
  - D. Agenda Adjustments - none
2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MINUTES with a few corrections. Lynette motioned to accept, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.
3. OFFICER REPORTS
  - A. Chairman (Becki Krueger) - Becki advised - Cuivre River has been revived and is represented today by Jill Szczuka director and Kay Raterman, the alternate. The Chapter has 39 paid members to date and expects to rise to 46 in total memberships. Jill reported the lack of interest in the chapter was due to a previous park employee having a falling out with the Equestrian group as well the membership aging out. They are off to a great start with a new park official Alice Johnson, Park Site Supervisor. Introductions were made around the room so everyone knows the faces of the other Chapters.  
Motion was made by Sherry, Lynette 2<sup>nd</sup> to reinstate all Chapter rights for the Cuivre River Chapter and all approved.
  - A. Vice Chairman (Jennifer Wolf) – none
  - B. Secretary (Kathy Jaeger) – Kathy thanked everyone for support attending the National Directors board mtg. Very informative and reaffirmed what a great organization this is.
  - C. Treasurer (Julie Irwin) – Julie had sent out financial reports to everyone. Presently income thru Feb 29, 2024 is \$2,058.79 with \$852 in a separate pay pal account. National Directors board meeting expenses were a little less than budgeted. Julie asked if \$500 chapter funds need to be set up for Cuivre River? Not needed at this time. Jill advised Chapter is working very well with the park and they have offered tool usage as well as members willing to donate to cover expenses. Becki reminded Julie she can reimburse up to \$100 for any one chapter's receipts presented for related expenses (per year).  
Julie brought up an idea from Ray to have a point of sale item on our web page to see small items. There would be no cost to add this feature. It would simplify ordering in bulk. Julie motioned for it to be added, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and was approved.  
Julie asked about insurance – there is insurance for the directors thru Travelers Insurance believes it comes due in June approximate cost of \$950. No liability insurance for individuals but the Corp of Engineers, USFS & National Parks have a form 301A & B which is completed for organized events by each participant and the Missouri State Parks have a similar separate form for their organized events that does cover liability during that event. Julie had checked on a General Liability policy and received an estimated cost of \$1,200 a year. With funds available at this time and operating under an estimated loss for this year, this discussion ceased with no further action.  
Julie mentioned restricted funds of \$254 for NEMO/ \$2,645.10 for Rockwoods (some rolled from last year and some added this year). Sherry questioned where these restricted funds are shown on the financial reports.  
Maury mentioned a restricted funds amount of approximately \$150 for Larry Hill's passing, a member of the South Central Chapter as well.  
Motion made to accept Treasurer reports by Sherry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy and motion was approved.
4. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES
  - A. Education and Expansion (Becki Krueger) – Becki reported the Corp of Engineers are hosting a Youth event for 4-5 grades on April 26 for Earth Day at the Frank Russell Campground on Mark Twain Lake and she will

introduce the Light on the Land program to them. This will be a great time to introduce some “city” kids to the outdoors and to actually touch a live horse.

Becki has also been asked to participate in the Partnership Prospect Course. The Corp of Engineers St. Louis District will be hosting this course on how to set up working relationships with organizations such as Corp of Engineers, contractors and engineers from across the nation. They are expecting over 100 attendees.

B. Publications (Cristlyn Randazzo)

a. Newsletter - April 30<sup>th</sup> is deadline for Articles in the first newsletter. Lynette asked if this will be a quarterly publication? Becki advised not sure at this time. Cristlyn and Tabitha are working with Paula & Phyllis. Please submit articles for inclusion. Also if each Chapter could please send Cristlyn the general area your Chapter covers, it would help tremendously.

C. Public Lands (Bob Wolf and Maury Mertz) – Maury reported:

a. Green Trash Bags (up to 300 for USFS) – Ed Sherman had requested the bags for Trail Crews and he thanked those of you who brought about 150 bags today.

b. SAM/UEI number - USFS process is complete but we are still working on the others. The numbers are necessary to get paid and/or reimbursed for coordinated work.

There is a Trails Skill event in May at Brushy Creek and he advised he believes they already have a waiting list at this time. Lynette advised she had one individual interested for Chainsaw cert. Maury advised her to give him the name. Two new parks being worked on are the Bryant Creek and the Eleven Point. Back Country Horsemen and the public need to be sure and complete the online survey to request trails be included in this initial planning process.

D. Service (Ray Maynard) - Becki encouraged everyone to report your Volunteer Hours as this is the way we show our value to the Public Lands managers. There were 34 horses show up for the cleanup at the Upper Current River area this spring alone. This was a great turn out moving logs off trails and getting many bags of trash picked up. The recent changes to the Proposed Road and Trail details in the ONSR area are still waiting on the Environmental Impact study and we will keep you posted. Jill commented on the huge impact that a recent Thank You Letter from Maury had made in her area. It opened many doors to getting them started again and shows just what contribution the Back Country Horseman can have in our public lands.

a. IIP requests? – None have been submitted to date.

E. National Directors (Becki Krueger and Kathy Jaeger) – Becki reported at the BCHA National Board meeting, the emphasis on our Public Lands and Membership. Youth is very important to get them involved and Jill advised they have a JR program already in the works. With regards to Public Lands, Becki advised she is on a monthly call with National Directors to discuss issues and upcoming changes and would like to see us do something similar statewide here in Missouri. Proposed to set up a State level committee to keep in touch on our issues. The BCHA membership dues increase of \$5 each category was voted on and did pass. It will take effect on January 1, 2025 and be paid in February of 2026. Becki will get with Ray to get it publicized on the Web Page.

a. Light on the Land - everyone needs to promote this program within our Chapters and the public. A copy of the details are available on the BCHA web site.

Motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Lynette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill and all approved.

5. CHAPTER REPORTS (from all except what is noted)

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| A. Brownfield                  | H. Rockwoods Range |
| B. Cuivre River (did not know) | I. South Central   |
| C. Heartland                   | J. Southwest       |
| D. Indian Trails (none)        | K. Tornado Ridge   |
| E. Mountain Riders             | L. Tri-Lakes       |
| F. NEMO                        |                    |
| G. River Springs               |                    |

Motion to accept Chapter Reports as submitted was made by Jill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy and all approved.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Trail Cleanup Ride @ Brushy Creek (Maury Mertz) Maury reported he and Bob still working on details and there will be a Potluck dinner Saturday night – details to follow.
- B. Strategic Business Plan (Jennifer Wolf) – Jennifer on the phone reported her proposal as an example on the Handout shown. She feels a more an informal document would fit our needs. She would love to have more committee members for input - presently Sherry Copeland and Kathy Jaeger. Need input on objectives, a timeline and how to achieve as well as the end result to be accomplished. Hope by the next board meeting in July to have a completed document for approval. If interested in helping with this, please contact her.
- C. Tread Lightly – There will be a photo op on April 30 at Brushy Creek Trail Rides - the campground will coordinate these details.
- D. Merchandise purchase (Maury Mertz) (48 hats) Maury reported we need to think of reordering the ball caps. Last purchase was minimum of 48 and cost \$11 each. We sell for \$15 each. Kathy to check with a local company in Rolla for pricing so this action is tabled at this time.
  - a. BCHMO Annual Membership meeting update (Officers) Becki advised our 2024 date is already set for September 28 at Brushy Creek. Discussion took place on setting the next year's date for the Annual Membership meeting so we would not have to keep moving the date around. Discussed the amenities needed for the annual meeting and it was felt that the Brushy Creek facility was best suited. If we stay with the same month and weekend each year, people could get in on their calendars, deposits could be rolled over and we would not have to rearrange calendars and locations ever year. Motion was made to utilize Big Creek Trail Rides in the Spring during the Upper Current Clean up ride and to use Brushy Creek for the Annual Membership meeting the last weekend of September each year made by Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynette. Ayes have it with one Nay.
  - b. Agenda items?
  - c. Banquet– paid for by BCHMO? Discussion and with limited funds it was decided meal will be self pay.
  - d. Auction/Silent Auction: Y or N? Discussion took place and a motion to have the Silent Auction since it is a fund raising event was made by Leslyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynette and all approved. There was no action take on the Live Auction.
  - e. Workshops? Y or N? if Yes, any suggestions? Light on the Land? Volunteer Service Hours Refresher course? Other ideas?\_ Ideas are needed for possible Friday evening and Saturday afternoon workshop sessions.

Lynette asked to speak concerning the Spring Round Up event at Springfield in March. Mostly disappointing in attendance and felt the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds did not promote the event well. Mo Horse Council felt the attendance was greatly down, Cavendars and other vendors were disappointed and lost money on this event with the lack of people. Possibility to share a booth with Mo Horse Council next year if the Fairgrounds will allow can be considered.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. QR Code – Becki advised many other states are using this method for recruiting new memberships. Check it out and advise thoughts on this method. Julie presently uses this on her face book page.
- B. Update P&P and Chapter Guide – presently Jennifer, Becki and Kathy are tasked with these updates. Always looking for more volunteers to help with items.
- C. **Dues Increase (add'l item)** Motion was made by Julie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill to increase the dues by \$5 for the year of 2025 and was approved.
- D. **Cedar Ridge (add'l item)** There is a single designated trail in the works to connect the camp ground to the Cole Creek trail system but as of today it is not completed yet.

There has been a great working relationship started with the MDC and the St. Louis Parks, let's keep it going.

8. STATE EVENTS

- A. May 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>, Ozark Trail Skills College @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- B. June 7<sup>th</sup>, BCHMO Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Trail Cleanup Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge (Bob Wolf and Maury Mertz)
- C. June 8<sup>th</sup>, BCHMO Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge  
(Order food; cook hotdogs/hamburgers; carry-in meal; Poker ride; church services; etc)
- D. September 28<sup>th</sup>, BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting @ Brushy Creek Lodge (Officers and Directors)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

Thank you to Kem McKinnis for attending today. Jill & Kate for attending first board meeting for Cuivre River chapter and getting it back on track. Congrats to Julie on a great job transitioning records with the accountant and for all her hard work on the project at the Rockwoods Range and the upcoming event on May 18 starting at 9 a.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

- A. July 8th Time 10 am
- B. Location Kingdom City, MO
- C. Restaurant The Skillet

11. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 2:11 pm made by Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynette and was approved.